Gummidipondi (Tamil Nadu) to meet their demand of nearby markets of Chittoor and Nellore districts of Andhra Pradesh. BPCL is setting up a LPG bottling plant at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh with a bottling capacity of 44 TMT to supplement the bottling capacity.

Excess handling capacity at Demulgaon

4762. SHRI MURLIDEORA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

whether ONGC created excess handling capacity at Demulgaon in 1999;

if so, the amount spent thereon;

whether the existing facilities are sufficient for handling even its future production; and

if so, the justification for making unnecessary expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Initially, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) made arrangements on temporary basis for oil production from the well in the area through Well Head Installation (WHI) at Demulgaon. Subsequently, based on the scheme conceptualised by the Institute of Reservoir Studies (IRS) of ONGC, a new full-fledged Group Gathering Station (GGS) was approved at a cost of Rs. 13.82 crores at Demulgaon in view of the potential of areas in and around Demulgaon field. The project was completed at a cost of Rs. 18.02 crores as against the revised sanctioned cost of Rs. 19.60 crores mainly due to the environmental problems in the region and the related division of the project into a number of small packages.

Handing over of protected monuments and heritage sites to private agencies in Rajasthan

4763. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN PURRU): Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

whether the financial allocations made to Rajasthan and other States for the preservation of protected monuments and heritage sites for the current financial year 2002-03 has been properly utilised;

if so, the details in this regard;

if not, the reasons for non-utilisation of the funds;

whether Government propose to hand over these sites to private agencies on sponsored basis for the maintenance; and

if so, the details thereof?